THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) The Government has received appeals for peace talks with United Liberation Front of Assam (ULFA). These indicated the willingness of ULFA to hold talks with the Government of India. The Peoples' Consultative Group on behalf of ULFA held talks with the Government on 26.10.05. It will not be in public interest to disclose further details.

(c) and (d) While no other insurgent group has broken the peace talks in recent past, ULFA had earlier shown interest in peace talks in 1991 but no talks were held. It will not be in public interest to disclose further details.

Increase in infiltration of insurgents after earthquake

62. DR. MAM. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the infiltration of insurgents in Jammu and Kashmir has increased after the recent earthquake;

(b) if so, the number of terrorists killed by security forces in the month of October alone this year; and

(c) the remedial measures taken in this regard by the Central Government in view of the fact that security forces are busy in rescuer operation after the earthquake?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRI PRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) No, Sir, As per the report of the State Government of Jammu and Kashmir, there is no increase in the infiltration of insurgents in the State during the period between October 9, 2005 to November 8,2005 (post earthquake) as compared to the period between September 9,2005 to October 8,2005 (pre earthquake).

(b) 84 terrorists were killed by Security Forces in the State during October 2005.

(c) The Government, jointly with the State Government, have adopted a multipronged approach, to contain cross-border infiltration in Jammu and Kashmir, which includes, *inter-alia,* strengthening of border management and multi-tiered and multi-modal deployment along International Border/

Line of Control and near the ever changing infiltration routes, construction of border fencing, improved technology, weapons and equipment for security forces, improved intelligence and operational coordination and synergising intelligence flow to check infiltration and pro-active action against the terrorists within the State. The counter infiltration efforts are reviewed periodically at various levels in the State Government including the two Unified Headquarters headed by the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir and in the Central Government.

Pak citizens in Indian relief camps

†63. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the loss of life and property on account of recent earthquake throughout the border area of Kashmir and Pak occupied Kashmir;

(b) the total number of Pakistani citizens who have come to Indian relief camps and health camps for shelter and treatment;

(c) whether Pakistan have informed India about those Indian citizens who approached Pakistani relief camps for shelter and treatment; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) As reported by the Government of Jammu and Kashmir, 1336 persons including 120 defence and central para military forces personnel, have been killed, 6587 persons, including 347 defence and central para military forces personnel, injured, 38875 houses fully damaged and 71078 houses partially damaged due to the recent earthquake in Kashmir. According to the Government of Pakistan, 73320 persons have been killed and 128261 persons injured in Pakistan in the earthquake.

(b) to (d) India has opened five crossing points across the LoC at Teetwal-Nauseri, Uri-Chakoti, Uri-Hajipir, Poonch-Rawalakot and Mendhar-Tattapani. These would be used for movement of relief material and people from either side. Only relief materials have been exchanged as of now. As per

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